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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTERS OF DAHOMEY, NIGERIA AND TOGO MEET
IN LOME

1. TOGO PRESSE 17 MARCH REPORTS THAT FORMINS ALLADAYE OF DAHOMEY, ARIKPO OF NIGERIA AND HUNLEDE OF TOGO HELD MEETINGS IN LOME WHICH BEGAN FORENOON AND LASTED UNTIL LATE NIGHT MARCH 16. AT PRESS INTERVIEW ON ARRIVAL, NIGERIAN MINISTER WAS QUOTED SAYING THAT TOGO AND NIGERIA ARE BROTHER COUNTRIES, AND IT IS NORMAL THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THEIR DELEGATES MEET TO DISCUSS ASPECTS OF THEIR COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THIS COOPERATION WOULD BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE. IN REPLY TO INQUIRY AS TO SIGNIFICANCE OF PRESENCE DAHOMEAN DELEGATION AT THE MEETINGS, DR ARIKPS SAID THAT NIGERIA HAS AGREEMENTS WITH TOGO ON ONE HAND AND DAHOMEY ON OTHER, AND IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE THREE COUNTRIES TO CONSULT AMONG SELVES TO HARMONIZE THEIR VIEWS ON IMPORTANT PROBLEMS. HE CONCLUDED SAYING MEETING AT LOME WOULD ENABLE CONFEREES TO SEE HOW THEIR AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE APPLIED MORE EFFECTIVELY.

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2. COMMANDANT ALLADAYE REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD COME TO DISCUSS WITH NIGERIANS AND TOGOLESE QUESTIONS CONCERNING COOPERATION AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES, QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED RAPIDLY BECAUSE " WE MUST DEVELOP COOPERATION AMONG OURSELVES AND ALSO WITH OTHER COUNTRIES."

3. PRESS REPORT NOTED MINISTERS WERE ASSISTED BY SEVERAL HIGH OFFICIALS THEIR RESPECTIVE MFA' S AND BY SPECIALISTS ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS SUCH AS TAXES AND CUSTOMS DUTIES.
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